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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ANTHONY H. DODGE, ET AL. ART UNIT: 1634  
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FOR: PCR ASSAY

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2003, which set a three month period for response. A Request for Extension of Time for three months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, thereby extending the date for response from June 10, 2003 to September 10, 2003.